Export orders procured by MITCO

3628. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MITCO has procured export orders for about Rs. 14 crores;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that MITCO has no working capital for proper and finally execution of these export orders; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Mica Paper factories are closed due to non-settlement of electricity charges leading to disruption in timely supplies to the foreign buyers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, MITCO has made arrangements with their bank for special sanction of working capital for execution of part export orders. Efforts are being made for further working capital execution of the balance export orders.

(c) Electricity supply was disconnected at Mica Paper Plant and other production units at Abhraknagar complex from 1.10.92 to 5.11.92 which resulted in disruption in timely supplies to the foreign buyers in shipment of export.

The electricity supply has been restored from 6.11.92

Export targets

3629. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed a short term action plan to ensure revival of the export momentum and achieve the current year export targets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Ministry of Commerce has prepared a short-term action plan to ensure the revival of the export momentum based on an in-depth review with the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils. This includes measures for simplification and streamlining of policies and procedures enunciated in the Export-Import Policy for 1992-97. The action plan also includes suggestions on macro-economic policy issues relating to full convertibility of rupee on trade account, better terms on export credit, more efficient duty-drawback system, wider-coverage of income tax benefits, resolution of key issues confronting trade with Rupee Payment Areas (RPA) etc.

मसालों के निर्यात में गिरावट

3630. **डा॰ बापू कालदाते:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मसालों के निर्यात में गिरावट आ रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) मसालों के निर्यात को बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) मसालों का निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिए मसाला बोर्ड ने जो उपाय किए हैं उनमें विदेशों में प्रतिनिधिमंडल भेजना, क्रेता-विक्रेता बैठकें आयोजित करना, महत्वपूर्ण अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मेलों और प्रदर्शनियों में भाग लेना, मसालों का तेल और ओलियोरेजिन, उपभोक्ता पैकों में मसाले जैसे मूल्य वर्द्धित रूप में मसालों के निर्यात का संवर्धन करना, भारतीय मसालों की गुणवत्ता का उन्नयन, ब्रांड संवर्धन, लोगो संवर्धन और अन्य नियमित प्रचार उपाय शामिल हैं।